

## Message Text

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EYES ONLY FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND NEA ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: APER  
SUBJECT: WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT THAT ATHERTON BEING NAMED  
AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT

1. SINCE THE APPEARANCE TWO WEEKS OR SO AGO OF A  
WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE STATING THAT ROY ATHERTON  
IS BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, THE STORY IS  
RECEIVING WIDE CIRCULATION LOCALLY. WESTERN AND  
EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS, MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, AMERICAN  
BUSINESSMEN AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE ALL ASKING ME  
ABOUT IT. LAST WEEKEND SADAT AND FAHMY BOTH ASKED  
IF THE STORY IS TRUE. AHAM CARRIED REPORT LAST WEEK  
THAT "SENIOR USG OFFICIAL" BEING NAMED TO CAIRO, BUT  
DID NOT IDENTIFY PERSON.

2. MY RESPONSE TO THE SPATE OF QUERIES HAS BEEN THAT  
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER AND THAT I HAVE  
RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT I MIGHT BE LEAVING SOON.  
THIS RESPONSE HAS CLEARLY NOT SATISFIED MANY OF MY  
QUESTIONERS. IT IS AN AWKWARD SITUATION AND I WOULD  
BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ENLIGHTENMENT YOU MAY BE IN A  
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POSITION TO OFFER AND WHETHER I SHOULD CHANGE THE  
RESPONSE THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVING TO QUESTIONERS.  
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